fashion. What is the invidious distinction made between those titles and our titles now like Padma Vibhushan, etc., which are supposed to be conferred for equally meritorious and distinguished service to the country?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: In the past, generally, these titles were given to supporters of the regime then—I say ' generally ', I am not saying in all cases. In the present cases, persons who render service to the community are taken into consideration and they are given these awards. They cannot be used as titles. It is only in recognition of their service to the country. It is wrongly considered as titles.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI: ஆன் எ பாயிண்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், நான் பத்மவிபூஷண் என்பதற்கு அர்த்தம் என்ன என்று கேட்டேன்? அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லவில்லை. அது எப்படி ஒழுங்கு ஆகும்?

MR. SPEAKER: அது ஒழுங்கு இல்லை என்று எப்படி சொல்லமுடியும்? (சிரிப்பு.)

Backward Classes

*503 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any orders for the inclusion of all those Backward Classes in the Kanyakumari district declared as such prior to 1st November 1956 by the former Travancore-Cochin State in the list of Backward Classes of the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The question of incorporating the list of Backward Classes in the Kanyakumari district as issued by the former Travancore-Cochin State Government prior to 1st November 1956, in the list of Backward Classes appended to the Madras Educational Rules in under consideration. But, the fee concessions that were in force before that date, are being continued without causing hardship to Backward Classes.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the list of backward communities in Kanyakumari area prior to merger is also considered for the purposes of appointments?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This is with reference to Educational Rules. It does not necessarily mean that persons getting educational fee concession would be entitled for reservation under the provisions of the Constitution. That is a different matter. I cannot give that assurance to the hon. Member.

Revenue Division, South Arcot district

9-20 a.m. *504 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY (on behalf of Sri S. A. M. Annamalai Odayar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have considered any proposal at any time to have only two taluks in each Revenue Division in the South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: No, Sir.

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SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : ஒரு ரெவினியு டிவிஷனல் ஆபீசருக்கு மூன்று தாலூகாக்கள் இருப்பதால் அவர்களால் சரிவர வேலை செய்ய முடியாமல் பல கஷ்டங்களும் தொந்தரவுகளும் ஏற்படுகின்றன. அதனால் இரண்டு தாலூகாக்களுக்கு ஒருவரைப் போட்டால் வேலை துரிதமாக நடப்பதற்கு வசதியாக இருக்காதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : எங்கள் ஜில்லாவில் நான்கு தாலுகாக்களுக்கு ஒரு ரெவினியு டிவிஷனல் ஆபீசரைப் போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

Municipal Health Officer

* 505 *Q.*—SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI (on behalf of Sri S. A. M. Annamalai Odayar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints against the Health Officer, Madurai Municipality, alleging acts of corruption and irregularities; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Drinking water

* 506 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent on sinking wells for drinking purposes in the Kanyakumari district, since 1st November 1956;

(*b*) the number of such wells, talukwar; and

(*c*) the number of applications received so far from 1st November 1956 for sinking wells in the district for drinking purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rs. 67,600.

(*b*)	Thovala taluk	15
	Agasteeswaram taluk	35
	Kalkulam taluk	57
	Vilavancode taluk	32
	Total ...	139

(*c*) 416.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether all the applicants have been given this amount. Also whether the number of applicants is considerably very small and if so, the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : All deserving applicants have been allowed this amount. I cannot exactly say about the ratio of the applicants who have been allowed this amount and those who have not been allowed.